

REMARKS

In response to the above identified Office Action, Applicants have amended their application and respectfully request reconsideration thereof.

Amendment of Claims

Claim 45 has been amended to improve form.

Response to Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

Claims 29, 35, 40, and 45 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over claims 29, 38, 45, and 46 of copending Application No. 08/920,669.

Applicants have submitted herein a terminal disclaimer under 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c).

In summary, Applicants believe that all rejections presented in the Office Action have been fully addressed and withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested. Applicants furthermore believe that all claims are now in a condition for allowance, which is earnestly solicited.

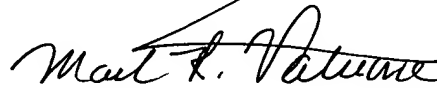
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If a telephone interview would in any way expedite the prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Mark Vatuone at (408) 947-8200.

Respectfully submitted,

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